11. India and Russia are convinced that large multiethnic States bear a special responsibility for the destiny of hundreds of millions of people. They advocate unconditional observance of the principles of respect for territorial integrity and unity of the State as a key factor of viability of multiethnic states. They reiterate their support for each others territorial integrity as constituted by law and enshrined in their respective Constitutions.

12. India welcomes the formation of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the various agreements on cooperation signed within that framework, including the Declaration on Respect of Sovereignty, Territorial integrity and inviolability of Frontiers of the States of the CIS of April 15, 1994. It appreciates Russia's efforts towards promoting the spirit of good neighbourliness and cooperation among States of the former USSR.

13. India understands Russia's concerns that all people residing in the territories of the former Soviet Union should have equal protection before law and the safeguarding of their fundamental human rights as guaranteed in democratic societies.

14. Russia appreciates the efforts made by the Government and people of India to strengthen social harmony, promote development of the country, and preserve the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the country. It supports India's actions to create an atmosphere of confidence in South Asia and promote good neighbourliness and cooperation between the States of the region.

15. India Russia agree to exchange experiences in nation building, including those which addressed the need for decentralization without impairing the integrity and unity of their States.

16. India and Russia believe that the successful development of multiethnic, multireligious States promotes international peace and stability. They, therefore, urge other members of the international community, and international and regional organizations to respect the integrity of these States.

Prime Minister of the Republic of India — President of the Russian Federation

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों को प्राथमिकता क्षेत्र घोषित किया जाना

2487. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:** क्या **खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने राज्यों को खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों को प्रथामिकता क्षेत्र घोषित करने का निर्देश दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो किस-किस राज्य ने इस क्षेत्र को प्राथमिकता क्षेत्र घोषित किया है;

(ग) किस-किस राज्य में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों को अब तक प्राथमिकता क्षेत्र घोषित नहीं किया गया है; और

(घ) सरकार इस स्थिति में सुधार करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने पर विचार कर रही है?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई): (क) से (घ) खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग के तीव्र विकास को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए मंत्रालय राज्यों को खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों को प्राथमिकता देने संबंधी निर्देश देता रहा है। खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों का काम देखने वाली राज्य सरकार की नोडल एजेंसियों को हुई बैठक के दौरान यह बात सामने आई कि अधिकांश राज्य इन उद्योगों को प्राथमिकता दे रहे हैं और विभिन्न मात्रा में प्रोत्साहन उपलब्ध करा रहे हैं।

Profits of Multinational Corporations in the Food Processing Sector

2488. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how much investment has been made in India by food processing multinational corporations like Coca-Cola, Pizza Hut, McDonald, Kellog, etc. since the commencement of the economic reforms;